



MINUTES - 5th March 2015

Present: Jason, Elizabeth, Stuart, Heidi, Vicky, Adele, Kathleen, Philip, Clare

1.) Welcome

Jason opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2.) Apologies

None

3.) Actions from Previous Meeting

The Actions Log was reviewed and updated. The following matters are still outstanding:

- Photos for the website - Jason is ready to load some photos and would like anyone to send through their favourite photos of the park, past or present.
- Entertainer for Summer Fair 2015 - Elizabeth has received some costings, but they are very expensive. However, now we know there will not be any power or water facilities once the changing block is demolished then it is unlikely there will be a summer fair this year.
- Water Pump - ongoing
- Grant opportunities - ongoing

4.) Finance Update

We currently have £12,747.55 in the bank - 2015 insurance has been paid, and Go Local advert still to be paid.

5.) MUGA

The group has received an email from local residents expressing their concerns about losing this facility in the park and reusing the space for further planting rather than facilities for children/youths. We responded to this and invited them to attend a meeting to discuss their ideas for regenerating the area. It was noted at the meeting that the demolition of the MUGA was first minuted on 2nd October 2014.

Philip has responded to any comments or concerns he has received, although there have not been many. He has made it clear that the decision to demolish the MUGA is a Local Authority decision and is not related to Shaw Park Restoration Group in any way. The group appreciate Philip's support on this.

We have not yet heard about our funding application from Stainland & Greetland Ward.

6). Loveparks.org

Jason has looked at this site - it is for green flag awarded parks. Jason has communicated to get Shaw Park added to the site, awaiting response.

7). Photos

Jason has got the gallery ready to be loaded on the website - if anyone has any photos they would like including please send these through to Jason asap.

8). Pump

Jason advised that the Council will need a full document expressing details about the work we will be doing, measurements and costs to be drawn up before we can commence with any ground works. Jason is meeting with Martin to take this forward. Once submitted we should be able to move ahead with this project.

9). Volunteer Days

Elizabeth explained that she has visited the park on several occasions over the last few weeks and has spoken with the council personnel who have been working in there during the winter - she explained that the works completed have really opened up the park and it is looking really good. We thanked Philip for his support on this. We asked if the brambles around the ornamental pond could be cut down before they take hold and spoil the daffodil displays.

The bulbs we planted in November are all coming up - there should be a really good display this spring.

Fruit trees - Philip mentioned that it appears there are only 4, of the 13 we planted, fruit trees remaining and 2 of these have had their tops broken off. Philip has agreed to plant some replacement fruit trees for us. Thank you.

We discussed future volunteer days, and Philip suggested we hold a few of these over a few weeks period to keep on top of things before everything starts to grow. We agreed on the following dates - everyone is welcome to attend:

- Sunday 22nd March - starting 10.00am, meet at the aviary
- Sunday 29th March - starting 10.00am, meet at the aviary
- Sunday 12th April - starting 10.00am, meet at the aviary

10). AOB

- Go Local advert - CN submitted an advert for the March edition which we hope will generate some new interest in the park and possible volunteers

11). Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 7.00pm, Holywell Green United Reformed Church. All welcome.

CN will not be able to attend so agreed that Heidi would do the minutes at this meeting.